

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending; claim 12 is withdrawn; claims 1-3, 6, 10, 11, 13 are rejected; and claims 4, 5 and 7-9 are allowed in this application. Claims 2, 6 and 10 are amended; and claims 1, 12 and 13 are cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-3 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 1,599,376 (Smith), Applicants have cancelled claim 1 and amended claims 2 and 10 making them dependent upon allowed claim 4. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 2, 3 and 10 now depend from allowed claim 4, and are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,395,484 (Odell et al.). However, claim 11 depends from claim 10, which has been amended to depend from allowed claim 4, thereby placing claim 11 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 11 is now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Odell et al., Applicants have cancelled claim 13.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 4, 5 and 7-9 are allowed.

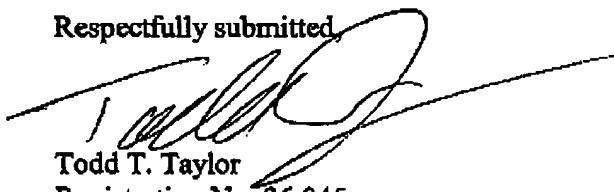
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

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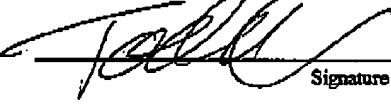
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